the MOU signing public sector enterprises have been delegated greater financial and administrative powers in areas like capital expenditure, wage settlements, incentive schemes, voluntary retirement schemes, transfer of Functional Directors etc.

Manufacture of polyester-based medical and industrial X-ray and graphic films

1495. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had constituted an expert Committee under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Director, General (Technical Development) to evaluate the claims of Garware Plastics and Polyester Limited to manufacture polyester-based medical and industrial X-ray and graphic films;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Committee set up by Government had not made any elaborate study and their members had no knowledge of the subjects, and if so, whether Government propose to appoint another Committee having knowledgeable people, and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Proposals for setting up Industrial Units are got examined in the Government, as an internal exercise, by Committees such as Technical Evaluation Committee and officials who are experts in the line.

Government has, at present, no proposal to appoint any Committee.

Representation of Kerala in Coir Board

1496. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kerala is not proportionally represented in the Coir Board; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to give full representation to the State on the Coir board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Coir Board has been constituted as per the provisoins of Coir Industry Act, 1953 and Coir Industry Rules, 1954. Representation on the Board has been given to the categories specified in the said Act and Rules which do not provide for any State-wise representation. Apart from the Chairman, there are 23 Members on the Board, of whom 3 are elected by the Parliament, 5 represent various State Governments including Kerala and 3 represent Central Government Departments/organisations. Of the remaining 12, as many as 5 are from Kerala whereas 5 States together have got only 7 Members.

Natural Gas from Krishna-Godavari Basin for Power Generation in Andhra Pradesh

1497. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many million cubic metres of natural gas is produced in the Krishna-Godavari basin per day;